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1. SUMMARY: GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS CONTINUES EXPRESS SATIS-
FACTION OVER HOUSE VOTE ON TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO. PRESS
INCREASING ATTACKS ON USG PERSONAGES AND POLICIES.
VICIOUS CRITICISM OF SECRETARY TYPIFIED BY ONE EDITORIAL
CALLING HIM "UNLAWFUL JUDAS" AND ALLEGING HE HAS SENT
CIA AGENTS TO CYPRUS TO PREPARE NEW PLOTS. TURK CYPRIOT
PRESS EXUBERANT OVER TURKISH TAKEOVER AMERICAN BASES.
END SUMMARY.

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2. HOUSE ACTION RE ARMS EMBARGO: THIS CONTINUED BE OF PRIME INTEREST TO GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS. TONE OF REPORTING AND EDITORIALS SLOWLY DESCENDING FROM JUBILANCE TO SATISFACTION. EDITORIALS, PERHAPS IN TACIT REALIZATION ARMS BILL DEFEAT WILL NOT HELP CYPRUS PROBLEM, NOW BEGINNING LAUNCH MORE GENERAL ATTACKS ON USG POLICY. DISTINCTION BETWEEN ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS BEING HEAVILY PLAYED. PRO-MAKARIOS PHILELEFTHEROS STATES (FBIS TA 261945Z JUL 75) CYPRUS PEOPLE NOW "IN A POSITION TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN PRO-TURK POLICY OF AN ADMINISTRATION SUCH AS FORD'S AND CRIMINAL TACTICS SUCH AS THOSE OF KISSINGER, ON THE ONE HAND, AND THE HEALTHY STATE OF AFFAIRS THAT EXISTS WITHIN THE AMERICAN NATION THAT IS SO ELOQUENTLY EXPRESSED IN CONGRESS, ON THE OTHER." SIMILARLY, LYSSARIDES' TA NEA (FBIS TA 262020Z JUL 75) STATES VOTE "EMPHASIZES HOW ALIEN TO LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND THE PEOPLE IS THE ADMINISTRATION THAT WAS FOUNDED ON THE UNPRECEDENTED WATERGATE SCANDAL. AND IT PLACES WASHINGTON'S ENTIRE CYPRUS POLICY IN DOUBT."

3. ONLY INDEPENDENT ALITHIA SOUNDS CAUTIONARY NOTE, OBSERVING THAT WHILE HOUSE VOTE WAS "SLAP" IN FACE OF PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER, CYPRIOTS MUST NOT BECOME "COMPLACENT."

4. ATTACKS ON SECRETARY: BITTER EDITORIAL IN INDEPENDENT ELEFTHEROS LAOS JULY 27 STATES "KISSINGER HAS TURNED INTO AN 'UNLAWFUL JUDAS' FOR ALL OF MANKIND. HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN ENEMY OF HELLINISM. HE HAS BEEN THE BRAIN OF THE CONSPIRACY AGAINST CYPRUS. HE WAS, HOWEVER, A WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING. BUT AS FROM LAST THURSDAY HE TOOK OFF THE MASK AND TURNED INTO AN OPEN ENEMY, INTO A RAGING TIGER. CIA AGENTS SENT BY HIM HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO FLOOD ATHENS, WHILE BLOODTHIRSTY TOOLS OF HIS ARE IN CYPRUS. KISSINGER AND HIS AGENTS NEVER REMAIN INACTIVE. THEY ARE PREPARING SOMETHING. CONDITIONS FOR CYPRUS ARE MORE CRITICAL THAN EVER."

5. TURKISH ACTION ON US BASES: PAPERS MAKE MAJOR PLAY OF TURKISH TAKEOVER OF US BASES IN TURKEY. ALL CARRY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STORY IN "IT SERVES YOU RIGHT" TONE. FOR EXAMPLE, PRO-CLERIDES' AGON STATES "THE INCONGRUOUS POLICY OF FORD HAD EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE RESULT TO THOSE FOR WHICH HE WAS AIMING BY THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND TOLERANCE OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS. HE HAD THE AMBITION TO SEE THE ISLAND AS A FIRM BASE OF NATO AND AN ELEMENT OF SUPPORT (FOR NATO). HOWEVER, THE RESULT WAS THE CIRTUAL DISRUPTION OF THE SOUTH-EASTERN FLANK OF THE ALLIANCE BY THE LOSS OF GREECE AND NOW

THE LOSS OF THE CONTROL OF THE AMERICAN BASES IN TURKEY.
ALL THIS MUST HAVE CONVINCED FORD-KISSINGER THAT THEIR
POLICY HAS BEEN CATASTROPHIC AND REQUIRES RADICAL REVISION."

6. MAKARIOS TO HELSINKI: ANOTHER PROMINENT THEME CONCERNS MAKARIOS' DEPARTURE JULY 28 FOR HELSINKI CONFERENCE VIA ATHENS. PRO-MAKARIOS' DIMOKRATIKI OPINES MAKARIOS WILL REQUEST INTERVENTION OF BIG POWERS AND EEC TO FORCE TURKEY HONOR UN RESOLUTIONS RE CYPRUS.

7. TURK CYPRIOT PRESS: TURK CYPRIOT PRESS EXUBERANT AND JINGOISTIC OVER TURKISH ACTION RE AMERICAN BASES. PRESS ALSO CONTINUES CAMPAIGN RE ALLEGED MALTREATMENT OF TURK CYPRIOTS REMAINING IN GREEK CYPRIOT AREAS.
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